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JAMES ST. N. MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATION

JAN. 15, 2012

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HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL,  
PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT JAMES ST. N. MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WISHES  
TO ASK THE HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL TO STOP THE DOWN TOWN B.I.A FROM

HARASSING AND PRESSURING OUR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE ON JAMES ST. N.  
WE HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE DOWNTOWN B.I.A. ARE

PRESSURING OUR BUSINESS PEOPLE IN THEIR STORES AT A TIME OF CONDUCTING  
BUSINESS. WE HAVE UNANIMOUSLY INFORMED THE B.I.A. THAT THEY ARE NOT WANTED ON  
JAMES .

THE B.I.A. MOST RECENTLY CALLED A INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE ON JAN. 10 2012, THE  
COMMITTEE FROM THE B.I.A. INCLUDED EILEEN MALONEY CO-ORDINATOR OF BUSINESS

IMPROVEMENT AREAS FOR HAMILTON CITY HALL. WE WERE VERY OFFENDED THAT A CITY  
OFFICIAL WAS WORKING AS A ADVOCATE FOR THE DOWNTOWN B.I.A.

MAY I ALSO ADD THAT THE MAJORITY OF CONVERSATION DURING THIS EVENT CENTERED  
AROUND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT WELCOME ON JAMES ST. N. AND NOT WANTED

THE JAMES ST. N. M.B.A. HAVE FUNCTIONED FOR OVER 15 YEARS, WE HAVE MANAGED TO DO  
EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AND WE DO IT WITH

VOLUNTEERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MONEYS ALLOCATED FOR SALARIES FOR THE  
B.I.A. IS \$90,000 A YEAR WE PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICE AS VOLUNTEERS

. WHEN WE HAVE PROJECTS WE ALL PITCH IN AND ACCOMPLISH THE SAME TASKS. WE ALSO  
WONDER WHY THE CITY

WOULD SUPPORT THIS FORM OF HARASSMENT BY HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE ADVOCATING  
THIS TAKE OVER, AND AT WHAT POINT DO WE THE M.B.A. RECEIVE THE SAME SUPPORT IN

OUR CITY AS THE B.I.A. RECEIVES. DURING THE MEETING ON JAN. 10 2012 A BUSINESS MAN  
AND OWNER OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING , TONY IVIC, DID A QUICK PETITION AND

HANDED IT TO CATHY DREWITT. THIS PETITION STATED THAT THE PEOPLE ARE VEHEMENTLY  
APOSED TO THE B.I.A. INCLUSION ON JAMES ST. N.

THE ONLY PEOPLE AT THIS MEETING THAT WERE PRO BIA WERE THE MEMBERS OF THE  
DOWNTOWN BIA ADVOCATING THIS ACTION. WHEN ASKED WHY THE BIA WAS ATTEMPTING  
THIS

TAKE OVER THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE SEVERAL REQUESTS BUT COULD NOT SUPPORT THIS  
CLAIM.

WE OUR COMMUNITY HAVE NURTURED AND WORKED HARD TO BRING JAMES ST. TO THE  
BEAUTIFUL STREET THAT IT IS TODAY. WE ARE THE AREA OF INTEREST IN HAMILTON.

OUR OUT DOOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STANDS KEEP OUR STREETS FULL OF ACTIVITY  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OUR COFFEEHOUSES AND ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESSES ALSO

CONTRIBUTE TO A GREAT NIGHT LIFE, AND THE ART DISTRICT HAS THE ATTENTION OF THE ART COMMUNITY ACROSS CANADA. WE HAVE ARTISTS MOVING FROM ACROSS CANADA

TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY HERE ON JAMES ST. SO HERE WE SIT WITH ALL THE RIGHT INGREDIANCE FOR A GREAT AND SUCCESSFUL ART DISTRICT, OUR ART CRAWLS ARE

NATIONALLY KNOWN AND WE BRING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE INTO THE CITY EACH MONTH. WE BROUGHT 50,000 PEOPLE IN AT THE SUPER CRAWL. WE THE COMMUNITY AND THE

M.B.A. MADE THIS HAPPEN . NO ONE HAS THEIR HAND OUT FOR MONEY AND WE DID THIS FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT. OUR STREETS ARE CLEAN BECAUSE OF THE COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE CITY AND OUR MERCHANTS, WE CLEAN UP GARBAGE OURSELVES , WE ASSIST ONE ANOTHER AT EVERY TURN. WE CELEBRATE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

ANDREA HORAWATH HELPED FORM THE M.B.A. 15 YEARS AGO AND SHE BELIEVES IN OUR RIGHT TO REPRESENT JAMES N. SHE ALSO ASSISTED WHEN EVER POSSIBLE TO FORM THE ART

DISTRICT. MAYOR BOB BRATINA WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN NURTURING JAMES ST. N. AND BRINGING IT TO WHERE IT IS TODAY. THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE M.B.A. REV.

RON, HAD THE INSIGHT TO PREPARE THIS AS A ART DISTRICT AND ALONG WITH ZENA HAGARDY STARTED THE ART CRAWL.

JAMES ST. N. IS READY AND WORKING HARD TOWARDS THE FUTURE. IN THE ART DISTRICT, WE HAVE FUNDED ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS ARTIST INC, THE FILM FACTORY AND

THE PRINT STUDIO THESE ARE NATIONALLY KNOWN AND ESSENTIAL TO THE DISTRICT. BUT ALSO ESSENTIAL TO THE ART DISTRICT ARE THE SMALL COMMERCIAL ART GALLERIES

AND THEATRE STAGES. THERE WOULD NOT BE A ART DISTRICT WITHOUT THE SMALLER COMMERCIAL GALLERIES. THE SMALL GALLERIES DO NOT MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO SURVIVE.

WE ALL STRUGGLE AND SUPPLEMENT OUR BUSINESSES IN MANY WAYS SUCH AS OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND LIVING WHERE WE WORK ,HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE ALREADY

LOST SEVERAL GALLERIES DUE TO A LACK OF INCOME THE SUBLIMATES GALLERY RUN BY ZENA HAGGERTY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN FORMING THE ART CRAWL, WORTH WORK GALLERY

A GALLERY FOR DISABLED ARTISTS A ESSENTIAL NECESSITY IN THE ART COMMUNITY. BOTH OF THESE IMPORTANT GALLERIES CLOSED DUE TO LACK OF INCOME.

I OWN THE BLUEANGEL GALLERY SINCE 2000. I HAVE BEEN ON JAMES N. SINCE 2005. THE STRUGGLE IS IMMENSE. MY POINT IS THIS I WILL NOT SURVIVE ANY MORE OPERATION

EXPENSE, AND NEITHER WILL THE OTHER COMMERCIAL GALLERIES. SEVERAL BUSINESSES ON JAMES ST. N. ARE SMALL AND FAMILY RUN. THEY WILL NOT SURVIVE ANY MORE

OPERATION EXPENSES. HOW OFTEN DO WE HAVE TO FIGHT OFF THE B.I.A., WE CAN NOT AFORD THEIR BUDGET OR WAGES.

THERE CONSTANT HARASSMENT IS NOT ONLY TIME CONSUMING BUT INSULTING, IF THEY WERE HERE THEY WOULD BE CHARGING EACH BUSINESS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF

MONEY, IN THE FORM OF A DEMANDED PAYMENT NOT TO MENTION THE TIMES THEY ARE AT YOUR DOOR ASKING FOR MONEY. I LIVED ON KING STREET AND HAD THE B.I.A. AT MY

DOOR ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR. THIS MONEY GRAB IS NOT ACCEPTABLE ON JAMES N. THE ART DISTRICT HAS ALL THE RIGHT INGREDIANCE EXCEPT

FOR THE MONEY CROWED AND THAT WILL FOLLOW. WE ARE AT A DELICATE STAGE AND THE STYLE OF THE B.I.A. IS NOT APPROPRIATE NOR IS ACCEPTABLE TO JAMES N.

IF WE WERE TO COMPARE JAMES N. TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND JUDGE THE TWO AREAS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT WE WORKING AS A COMMUNITY HAVE FAR

SURPASSED THE DOWNTOWN CORE IN MANY WAYS. AND WE HAVE DONE THIS WITH OUT PAYING A HUGE BUDGET AND HUGE SALARIES.

PLEASE CALL OFF THE B.I.A. GIVE US THE SAME RIGHTS THAT THE B.I.A, HAS .GIVE US THE SAME RESPECT AND STOP THEM FROM PRESSURING AND HARASSING OUR BUSINESS

PEOPLE WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A B.I.A. ON JAMES ST. N. AND I DOUBT THAT OUR COMMUNITY WILL EVER ACCEPT THEM.

OUR AREA HOUSES ARTISTS ,MUSICIANS, ACTORS,AS WELL AS THE MULTICULTURAL NEW COMERS AND HARD WORKING MEN AND WOMEN. IF THERE HAD NEVER BEEN A ACTUAL

PHYSICAL PLACE THAT THE BOHEMIAN SUBCULTURE COULD INHABIT, THAN WE WOULD NOT HAVE MENY OF THE GREAT WORKS OF ART THAT WE ALL ENJOY.

AS SOON AS JAMES ST. N. IS RUN STRICTLY AS A PROFIT MAKING ENTERPRISE WE WILL LOOSE THE ARTISTS AND COMMERCIAL GALLERIES.

A MEMBERS OF THE B.I.A. EXPRESSED THERE CONCERN OVER THE SALE OF FRANKS VEGETABLE AND FRUIT STAND. ON JAMES N. THEY WERE

WORRIED AS TO WHO'S HANDS THIS BUSINESS WILL FALL INTO. AT THE SAME TIME THE BOARD MEMBER CLAIMED TO OWN SEVERAL BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN AND JAMES N.

IS IT THE JOB OF THE B.I.A. TO MANIPULATE SALES AND ALSO TRY TO CONTROL FREE ENTERPRISE. THIS IS EXACTLY THE MIND SET THAT WE DO NOT AGREE WITH. AND ALSO

THIS IS NOT THEIR DISTRICT . THE B.I.A. NEEDS TO TEND TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT IT IS VERY UNFRIENDLY. THEY DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEDAL NOR DO THEY HAVE

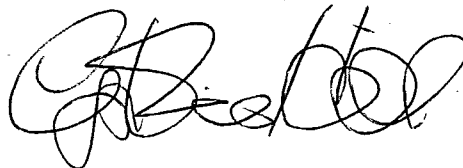
THE SENSITIVITY NOR INCITE TO HANDLE JAMES ST. N. I WONDER ABOUT YOUR VISITING REPRESENTATIVE EILEEN MALONEY'S PARTICIPATION IM THE B.I.A.'S ATTEMPT TO TAKE

OVER JAMES ST. N. WHY HAVE WE NEVER DEALT WITH HER? WE ARE PART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT IN HAMILTON. ITS TIME TO PLAY FAIR WITH ALL . JAMES NORTH IS UNIQUE

AND IT IS THE JEWEL OF HAMILTON. I FIND IT VERY QUESTIONABLE AS TO WHY AFTER WE HAVE DONE ALL THE WORK WHY NOW IS THE CITY IS ASSISTING IN ANY WAY

THIS ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER OUR BUSINESS AREA.

THANK YOU CYNTHIA HILL



MERCHANT AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT OF THE JAMES ST.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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